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Applicants: G. Goicoechea et al. : Art Unit: 3738  
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 25, 2002, please amend the application as follows and reconsider the application in light of those amendments and the subsequent remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 54-57, 59 and 60 with the following amended claims:

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- 1           54. (Amended) A generally tubular prosthesis for implantation in a human or  
2 animal duct to ensure a passageway in said duct, said prosthesis having a tubular  
3 surface and a tube axis and being generally axially subdivided into two or more  
4 circumferentially oriented hoop-like tubular portions, said prosthesis comprising:  
5           a plurality of discrete structural wires or filaments joined together to form said  
6 prosthesis, said wires or filaments each having one or more corrugated portions and at  
7 least some of said wires or filaments having one or more generally straightened  
8 extension portions,  
9           wherein at least two of said hoop-like tubular portions are axially arranged  
10 generally adjacent to one another,